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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of the recent settlement between Microsoft and the US department of Justice. I think that government should stay out of free enterprise and this is a classic case where the three years of litigation reflects intense lobbying on behalf of the competition rather than a genuine concern for the American public.

The terms of the settlement go beyond what was originally called for when the lawsuit began. Microsoft will be forced to increase relations with computer makers and software developers, disclose technological information to competitors, grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows, and form a three-person team to monitor compliance with the settlement.

While I think that Microsoft is giving away too much, I think there is no alternative since further litigation could be detrimental to Microsoft's and our IT sector's future. Please implement the settlement and look out for the best interests of the American public.

Sincerely,

William Streicher

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